



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Neely, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1771
Serial No.: 09/165,034) Examiner: Jeremy R. Pierce
Filed: October 1, 1998) Our Ref. No.: KCX-85-RCE (13195)
Title: Differential Basis Weight) Our Account No.: 04-1403
For Nonwoven Webs)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 10, 2002, please amend the above captioned application as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13.

Please amend claims 1, 12, 16, 27 and 35 to read as follows (marked changes included as Appendix A):

1. (Amended) A nonwoven web made from fibers, the fibers comprising thermoplastic fibers, said nonwoven web having a first end and a second and opposite end, said nonwoven web defining a first area having a first basis weight and a second area having a second basis weight being located on said nonwoven web according to a predetermined pattern, said first basis weight being at least about 1.5 times greater than said second basis weight, said first area comprising from about 25% to about 75% of said nonwoven web, the web being compressed and thermally bonded together.

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